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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF BOLIVIA

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(BOL/90/006) -- Literacy Project and Support to Educational Reform in Bolivia

Date of approval:	15 February 1991
Expected duration:	15 months
Proposed executing agency:	United Nations Scientific, Education and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Education and Culture
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$660 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$660 000

Project background

Bolivia's rate of illiteracy is the highest in Latin America and the Caribbean. However, a significant change could only be made through basic reforms in its policy and institutional framework. With this in mind, the Government of Bolivia requested UNDP and UNESCO to execute a project in which illiteracy is controlled and the structural adjustments necessary for an educational reform are reviewed and analyzed.

The main results achieved so far in this project are: (1) a direct co-ordination with the beneficiaries and NGOs executing basic educational programmes; and (2) the training of the teachers who have the role of executing these actions.

To extend the project until the end of 1992, continue to work with NGOs in educational training, coordinate its activities with other education projects of the United Nations system, and draft general guidelines for the implementation of the Educational Reform based on a population consensus, the Government requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The project will carry out activities related both to the literacy and educationl reform.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) define a strategy with the necessary steps to carry on an educational reform; and (b) execute an action plan with the national counterparts, area co-ordinators, NGOs and teacher's unions with special emphasis in priority areas.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 6.5 man-months of a chief technical adviser (CTA); administrative support (19.5 man-months) and national consultants in education, inter-institutional co-

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ordination and educational investigation (19.5 man-months); a subcontract for NGOs to execute literacy programmes and in-service training for teachers (workshops); equipment consisting of a computer and a fax machine; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	250 700
Subcontract	46 000
Training	200 800
Equipment	71 000
Miscellaneous	91 500
Total	660 000

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